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PAROWAN VALLEY AREA IRRIGATION WELL WATER USERS:

There has been growing concern expressed at the annual water users meeting over the past few years about the problem of broken or non-functioning or inaccurate water meters.

Section 73-5-4 of the Utah Code Annotated, 1953, as amended, states in part:

"Every person using water in this state shall construct or install and maintain an operational headgate, cap, valve or other controlling works, weir, flume and measuring device at each point where water is diverted or turned out for the purpose of regulating and measuring the quantity of water that may be used. ...If the owner of irrigation works, canals, rivers, wells, pumps, or tunnels shall refuse or neglect to construct or install such headgates, caps, valves, flumes or measuring devices after thirty (30) days notice to do so by the state engineer, the state engineer may forbid the use of water until the user shall comply with his requirement."

All wells within the Parowan Valley Area Distribution System should be equipped with functional and accurate water meters. Accurate and functional water meters are essential for proper record keeping on your distribution system. An accurate record is helpful in many ways; it provides data for use in hydrological studies and it helps document the use of water under a particular water right.

A concerted effort will be made over the next several years to insure that water meters are installed and functioning properly on all of the wells within the Parowan Valley Distribution System.

Your cooperation in reaching this goal will be greatly appreciated.

It would be helpful if the meters throughout the system were of a similar type. The State Engineer cannot recommend a particular type of meter, however, we can provide some information on the different types available.



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If you have any questions, please contact Gerald Stoker at  
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lee H. Sim".

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